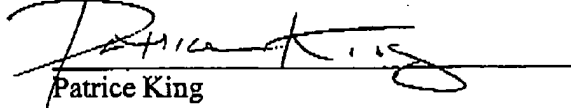


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

☐ One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____

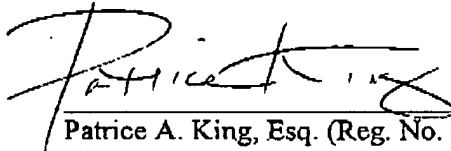
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- ☐ Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
- ☒ Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 950
- ☐ Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
- ☐ Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$475.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-0923.

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